

Service Date: July 25, 1975

BEFORE THE UTILITY DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER of the Application)	DOCKET NO. 6293
of the CITY OF CONRAD for Authority)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4202
to INCREASE ITS WATER RATES)	

On May 22, 1975, a Notice of Proposed Public Hearing on the Application of the CITY OF CONRAD, City Water Department, for an Order authorizing it to Increase its water rates was published in the Conrad Independent Observer.

No requests to be heard at such hearing scheduled for June 13, 1975, in Helena, Montana were received by the Montana Public Service Commission by June 6, 1975.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on the data submitted with this application, the Commission finds that:

1. The last rate increase granted in the CITY OF CONRAD, City Water Department, was ordered by this Commission on November 1, 1964.
2. Since 1964, Applicant's operating expenses, particularly its costs for labor and materials, have risen significantly.
3. Applicant is in need of increased revenues to permit it to replace certain iron water lines, installed in 1923, that have seriously deteriorated.
4. The presently effective water rates are inadequate to compensate Applicant for its operating expenses, and to finance necessary improvements.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The rates proposed by Applicant and all other water rates approved herein are reasonable and just.

ORDER

THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDERS that the following rates be approved (as set forth in attached schedule), effective July 1, 1975.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, by a 5-0 vote, on June 16, 1975.

BY ORDER of the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION;

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

P. J. GILFEATHER, Commissioner

THOMAS G. MONAHAN, Commissioner

JAMES R. SHEA, Commissioner

GEORGE TURMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

GAIL E. BE HAN
Secretary

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